

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD
JUNE 19, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 19, 2006.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg A. Krodel who presided.

UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Greg A. Krodel – Chairman
Ken Sendelweck – Secretary
Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner
Edward J. Kreilein – Wastewater Commissioner
Alex Emmons – Gas Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager
Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager
Bud Hauersperger – General Manager
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

ABSENT:

Mike Harder – Vice Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (B-19)

Chairman Krodel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (B-28)

Chairman Greg Krodel presented the minutes of the May 15, 2006 meeting and there being no corrections or amendments, asked for a motion to approve. Ken Sendelweck made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

PUBLIC BUSINESS: VACATE UTILITY EASEMENT – 5th ST. & HWY 231 (B-47)

Kristen Taylor of Smith, Neubecker & Associates, representing Cedarwood Development, came before the Board to request the vacation of a utility easement on property at 5th St. & Hwy 231. The two pieces of property just west of Family Video will be the future site for a new CVS store.

Ms. Taylor presented a map of the property.

Stormwater is the only utility in the easement at this time and the managers didn't see a problem with vacating the easement.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to recommend to the City Council to vacate the utility easement at 5th St. and Hwy 231. Alex Emmons seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

Mayor Schmitt asked City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein if the Stormwater Board needs to approve this as well and Hemmerlein replied that step has never been implemented in the approval process, but may be in the future.

REC AGREEMENT (B-201)

Jerry Schitter reported he has entered into an agreement with REC as approved by the Board last month.

Primary power should be installed in the Windsong Estates subdivision within the next few weeks.

STACK TESTING RESULTS (B-213)

Windell Toby reported the power plant has passed the stack testing and now compliance testing for stack emissions will be done the first week of August.

BLACKTOPPING AT POWER PLANT (B-221)

Windell Toby presented a quote from J. H. Rudolph for \$67,700 to do blacktopping in the rock parking areas, and around the cooling tower and the precipitator at the power plant.

Toby explained this is the only quote because J. H. Rudolph is the supplier for the City.

Jeff Theising made a motion to accept the quote of \$67,700 from J. H. Rudolph for blacktopping around the power plant. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

ELECTRIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (B-242)

Mike Schwenk, Chairman of the Electric Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

NORTH WATER TOWER INSPECTION & CATHODIC REPLACEMENT (B-244)

Mike Oeding presented a quote from Midwestern Engineers to do the north water tower inspection and cathodic replacement at a cost not to exceed \$44,950.

Oeding explained Midwestern Engineers will perform the inspection and they will sub-contract Carrpro to do the cathodic replacement. Sandy Hemmerlein suggested obtaining a signed contract from Midwestern Engineers.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to allow Mike Oeding to proceed with the north water tower inspection and cathodic replacement, subject to obtaining a signed contract with Midwestern Engineers for a cost not to exceed \$44,950. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

UPDATE – PLANT PAVEMENT PROJECT (B-347)

Mike Oeding reported the paving project at the water plant is complete.

UPDATE – MILL ST. WATER MAIN PROJECT (B-350)

Mike Oeding reported the Mill St. water main project is complete, except for some clean up work to do after the ground settles.

UPDATE – CARBON CAP REPLACEMENT (B-355)

Mike Oeding reported the carbon cap replacement project is complete.

UPDATE – WINDSONG ESTATES GAS EXTENSION PROJECT (B-359)

Mike Oeding reported his crew confirmed the depth of the Texas Eastern lines today and on Tuesday they will bore from the north side of 47th St., under the Texas Eastern lines, along the west side of Portersville Road about 500 ft., to install a gas line to Windsong Estates.

UPDATE – BACKHOE – GAS & WATER (B-384)

Mike Oeding reported the backhoe that he ordered after the last meeting has arrived and is in service.

GAS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (B-388)

Alex Emmons, Chairman of the Gas Planning Committee, reported the committee met on June 15th to discuss the NGM gas transportation contract.

NGM has offered the City some options with regards to this contract, including the purchase of the contract. The Gas Committee was not ready to make any recommendations, but felt that further professional review of the options was required.

The Gas Committee requested permission for the Utility Manager to acquire professional advice on the option to purchase the contract, including researching how we would fund the purchase and how it would effect the rates, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

Alex Emmons made a motion to allow up to \$2,000 to hire a professional firm to gather data for the NGM gas transportation contract. Jeff Theising seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (B-440)

Jeff Theising, Chairman of the Water Planning Committee, reported the committee met on June 15th to discuss the potential of creating a new position for a Water Treatment Lab Technician to be put into the 2007 Salary Ordinance.

Mike Oeding and Bud Hauersperger provided statistics to the Board, such as the number samples tested each year and the revenue generated by the lab.

Theising explained Jasper has the only certified lab in a 60-mile radius and they are doing a lot of testing for other municipalities, area hotels, school corporations, etc., as well as doing State required in-house testing, which saves the City money.

Oeding said currently lab testing is being done by one of the water plant operators, but it is consuming all of his time and other employees are being shifted around to cover for him. Oeding said because of this, other duties are being neglected that are affecting meter maintenance, the radio read change-out program, and some required paperwork.

Oeding said that starting in 2007 E Coli testing will be required and the lab currently has the necessary equipment.

Jeff Theising made a motion to recommend to the City Council to add the new position of Water Treatment Lab Technician in the 2007 Salary Ordinance. Ed Kreilein seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

WASTEWATER PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (B-727)

Ed Kreilein, Chairman of the Wastewater Planning Committee, stated the committee did not meet during the past month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & PRESENTATION OF CLAIM DOCKET (B-729)

Ken Sendelweck reported the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the claims on the Claim Docket.

Also presented was a claim on behalf of Harrison & Moberly LLP in the amount of \$6,006.59, representing legal services relating to the Titan litigation issue for the Wastewater Project. SRF and BIF funds have been exhausted, therefore after Utility Service Board approval, the above referenced claims will be paid from Wastewater funds.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of the claims as presented.

Jeff Theising made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 6-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM upon motion by Alex Emmons and second by Mike Schwenk. Motion approved, 6-0.

Attest: _____
Secretary Chairman